

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 12 December 2013**

Meeting time: **09:35 – 13:35**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Chair)

Mick Antoniw

Russell George

Llyr Gruffydd

Julie James

Julie Morgan

William Powell

Antoinette Sandbach

Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Gill Bell, Marine Conservation Society

Gareth Clubb, Friends of the Earth Cymru

Professor Peter Matthews, Natural Resources Wales

Anne Meikle, WWF Cymru

Professor Gareth Wyn Jones, Bangor University

Dr Tim Peppin, Welsh Local Government Association

Dr Emyr Roberts, Natural Resources Wales

Neville Rookes, Welsh Local Government Association

Rachel Sharp, Wildlife Trusts Wales

Katie-jo Luxton, RSPB Cymru

Professor Nick Pidgeon, Cardiff University

Professor James Scourse, Climate Change Consortium of Wales

Committee Staff:

Alun Davidson (Clerk)
Naomi Stocks (Second Clerk)
Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)
Nia Seaton (Researcher)
Chloe Corbyn (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 There were no apologies or substitutions.

2 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for items 3, 8 and 9

2.1 The Committee agreed the Motion.

3 Climate Change

3.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

4 Environment Bill – White Paper : Evidence from Natural Resources Wales

4.1 Professor Matthews and Dr Roberts responded to questions from members of the Committee.

5 Environment Bill – White Paper : Evidence from Environment Groups

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6 Environment Bill – White Paper : Evidence from the Welsh Local Government Association

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7 Papers to note

7.1 The Committee noted the minutes

Draft Budget 2014–2015 – Chair's report

7.2 The Committee noted the report.

8 Inquiry into non native invasive species – draft letter to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food

8.1 The Committee agreed the content of the letter and that it should be published as a committee report.

9 Control of Horses (Wales) Bill – Consideration of draft guidance

9.1 The Committee agreed that Members would write to the Minister individually with their comments on the draft guidance.